

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLUB

MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 1933

The meeting was called to order at the American Museum of Natural History at 8:15 P.M. by President Sinnott. There were 25 members present.

Miss Elizabeth M. Schutt, 280 Gregory Avenue, Passaic, N. J. and Miss Myrtle H. Waterfall, 158 Gregory Avenue, Passaic, N. J. were unanimously elected to membership in the club.

Reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, Editor of the BULLETIN and Editor of TORREYA were read and approved. The report of the Business Manager was that business was bad.

In the absence of Dr. Denslow, Dr. Merrill made brief comment on the Local Herbarium which he reports has more than doubled by the gift of the Ferguson Herbarium, the Mackenzie Herbarium, and a number of recent additions by Mr. Moldenke. The collection is now approximately 40,000 sheets and is housed in the steel cases provided by Dr. Ferguson. Dr. Merrill states that this coming winter a census will be made, giving the exact count of the material in it. It is a good representative collection of the flowering plants and mosses. The local collections of fresh-water algae, lichens and fungi have not yet been placed in the Local Herbarium, but there is ample space for them. Mr. Torrey brought up the question whether popular guides to these last groups might not be published by the Torrey Botanical Club. Dr. Harper and others strongly seconded this proposal.

In the absence of Dr. Gager, no report was made by the Delegate to the Council of the New York Academy of Sciences.

As Representative of the Club on the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dr. Dodge reported that he attended the annual meeting.

Mr. Raymond Torrey reported verbally on the field trips of the year.

Dr. J. S. Karling, for the Entertainment Committee, stated that the finances for that committee are now better than in previous years, reporting a deficit of seven dollars at the particular moment he spoke. He stated that at the down-town meetings the committee served an average of thirty-nine and one-half people at each meeting.

There were no reports of standing committees.

Dr. Marshall A. Howe reported for the committee on the amendment of the Constitution as follows:

To strengthen the legal position of The Torrey Botanical Club as a holder of endowment funds, it has been thought advisable to amend the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club in such a way as to lodge the control of the business affairs of the Club primarily in the Council of sixteen members, as provided for in the proposed new Article X, given below.

The other changes proposed are simply to bring the Constitution and By-laws into harmony with this new idea.

I. It is moved to amend the Constitution as follows:

1. To amend Article III by omitting the words: "The President, the Vice-president, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Editor shall constitute a Board of Trustees in whom the corporate rights of the Club shall be vested."
2. To amend Article VI by substituting *Council for Finance Committee* in lines 4 and 7.
3. To amend Article XI by substituting *by the Council for by a member of the Membership Committee*.
4. To amend by inserting a new Article X—Council, which shall read:

There shall be a Council, consisting of sixteen members, including the President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Editor, *ex officio*, with 12 elected members. At the Annual Meeting for 1933 the elected members of the Council shall be chosen by ballot, four for terms of three years, four for terms of two years, and four for terms of one year; thereafter, four members shall be elected each year for terms of three years. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the Council. Vacancies in unexpired terms may be filled by the Club by ballot at any regular meeting.

The Council shall hold regular meetings prior to the first monthly meetings of the Club in January, March, May, and October. It shall annually elect a Chairman, who may call special meetings. The Secretary of the Club shall be Secretary of the Council. The Council shall prepare annually a budget for consideration by the Club, shall approve all contracts, shall pass upon all bills presented for payment, shall nominate candidates for membership and candidates for all elective offices, and shall have power to accept resignations. It shall report to the Club all actions taken. The foregoing shall not be con-

strued as precluding nominations of officers from the floor.

It shall be the duty of the Council to invest the funds of the Club, whenever there shall be a balance in the Treasury of more than five hundred dollars not wanted for immediate disbursement. No transfer of any stock, bond, note, or other evidence of debt standing in the name of the Club, shall be made except by the Treasurer, having the written order of the Council for that purpose, and all transfers shall be countersigned by the President or Secretary.

5. To amend by changing the number of existing Article X—Members—to XI and by renumbering the subsequent articles in accordance with this change.

II. It is moved to amend the By-Laws as follows:

1. To amend Section 5—Standing Committees—by omitting: 1. Finance Committee, 2. Budget Committee, and 3. Membership Committee, and by renumbering the remaining committees accordingly.
2. To amend by omitting Section 6—Finance Committee.
3. To amend by omitting Section 7—Budget Committee.
4. To amend by omitting Section 10—Membership Committee.
5. To amend by renumbering the remaining sections in accordance with the above modifications.

M. A. HOWE	}	Special
S. F. TRELEASE		Committee
R. H. TORREY		on the
		Proposed
		Amendment

The report of the committee was accepted and the suggested amendment unanimously adopted.\*

There being no other deferred or new business brought before the meeting, it then proceeded to the election of officers. President Sinnott announced that he had appointed a nominating committee, and Dr. R. A. Harper reported as Chairman of that committee the following nominations:

\* The Constitution and By-Laws as amended are printed in this issue of Torreyia.

*President*—PROF. A. F. BLAKESLEE

*Vice-Presidents*—DR. H. A. GLEASON AND DR. R. P. WODEHOUSE

*Secretary*—DR. FORMAN T. MCLEAN

*Treasurer*—MRS. R. A. HARPER

*Editor of BULLETIN*—DR. B. O. DODGE

*Members of the Council for three years*—DR. N. L. BRITTON, MR. R. H. TORREY, MISS C. C. HAYNES AND DR. F. E. DENNY

*Members of the Council for two years*—PROF. M. A. CHRYSLER, DR. A. H. GRAVES, MR. GEORGE T. HASTINGS AND DR. J. A. KARLING.

*Members of the Council for one year*—DR. E. D. MERRILL, DR. E. W. SINNOTT, DR. S. F. TRELEASE AND DR. R. A. HARPER.

*Associate Editors*—ALBERT FRANCIS BLAKESLEE, CORNELIA LEE CAREY, FRANK EARL DENNY, ALEXANDER WILLIAM EVANS, HENRY ALLAN GLEASON, ALFRED GUNDERSEN, GEORGE TRACY HASTINGS, MARSHALL AVERY HOWE, LOUIS OTTO KUNKEL, MICHAEL LEVINE, ARLOW BURDETTE STOUT, SAM F. TRELEASE, W. H. WESTON, TRACY HAZEN, AND JOHN HENDLEY BARNHART.

*Bibliographer*—MRS. B. O. DODGE.

*Delegate to the Council of the New York Academy of Sciences*—DR. C. STUART GAGER.

*Representatives on Council of A.A.A.S.*—DR. D. T. MACDOUGAL AND DR. B. O. DODGE.

Those nominated were unanimously elected.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,  
FORMAN T. MCLEAN  
*Secretary*